

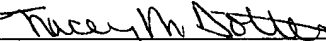
SERIAL NO. 09/802,254

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Title:      | SIMULTANEOUS SERIAL TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES WITH<br>DATA FIELD ARBITRATION |                 |                           |

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 10, 2006.

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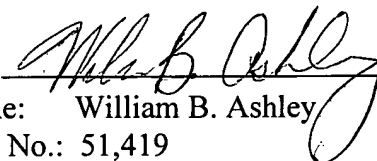
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to file the attached Pre-Appeal Brief Request. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-3581 (HONY.033PA) in the amount \$1020.00 to cover the extension fee for a large entity. Authority is given to charge/credit necessary fees/overages to deposit account number 50-3581 (HONY.033PA) as required by this filing.

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